

APPENDIX G

USFWS CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION LETTERS

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April 8, 2002

Mr. Leroy W. Carlson
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ecological Services, Colorado Field Office
755 Parfet Street, Suite 361
Lakewood, CO 80215

RE: Site-Wide Environmental Assessment of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's National Wind Technology Center. Submission of *Spiranthes diluvialis* survey report and informal consultation: request for concurrence of attached species list.

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is preparing a new site-wide Environmental Assessment (EA) for the National Wind Technology Center (NWTC) to address new site development proposals and changes in the regional environment. Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) is under contract with NREL to prepare the site-wide EA. This document will serve as a planning tool that aids decisions about future use and development of the site. When subsequent individual projects are identified in the NWTC, assessments would be prepared at that time to further analyze specific effects to environmental receptors. A map showing the location of the NWTC and the summary of the current draft EA are enclosed for your use.

Prior to completing the final EA, we require concurrence from your office regarding the following two issues.

Spiranthes diluvialis Survey

Enclosed is rare plant survey for *Spiranthes diluvialis* conducted on July 24, 2001 in the NWTC. This report is being submitted to you pursuant to the 1992 interim survey requirements for *Spiranthes diluvialis*.

Section 7 Species List

Based on data obtained from the Colorado Natural Heritage Program and the Department of Energy, we developed the attached species list. Preparation of the species list considered all plants and animals that are currently listed as federally threatened, endangered, candidate and proposed for listing in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) that we determined to have potential to be affected by project alternatives. This letter serves to request your concurrence on the attached list of species in accordance with the informal consultation process outlined in Section 7 of the ESA.

Your attention to this request for concurrence of the attached species list and acceptance of the *Spiranthes diluvialis* survey report is appreciated. Please address your questions and concurrence

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letter to my attention at the address on this letterhead. Please contact me at 720-981-2406 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Wildlife Ecologist

CC: Robert J. Henke, SAIC, Quality Assurance for Natural Resources
Brian Kennedy, SAIC Project Manager

Attachments: Regional Location Map, Draft EA Summary, Rare Plant Survey Report

Plant and Animal Species that are Candidates, Proposed for Listing, or Listed as Federally Threatened or Endangered that are Likely to Occur in the National Wind Technology Center, Jefferson County, Colorado

Species	Federal Status
Birds	
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	FT
Mammals	
Preble's meadow jumping mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius preblei</i>)	FT
Plants	
Colorado butterfly plant (<i>Gaura neomexicana ssp. coloradensis</i>)	FT
Ute ladies' tresses orchid (<i>Spiranthes diluvialis</i>)	FT

FE – federally endangered, FT – federally threatened, FC – federal candidates, PT – proposed threatened

The following federally-listed species and candidate species were considered, but because either their known ranges did not overlap with the National Wind Technology Center (NWTC), habitat types were not available in the NWTC, or other favorable conditions did not exist in the NWTC to support the species, they were not included in the above list.

Mammals

Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) FT

Black-tailed prairie dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) FC

Birds

Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) FT

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Mountain plover (*Charadrius montanus*) PT

Invertebrates

Pawnee montane skipper (*Hesperia leonardus montana*) FT

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CONTACT REPORT FORM

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Doc. No. F- _____
Ref. _____

Person Contacted: LeRoy Carlson

Date: 6/7/02, 3:15 pm

Title/Position: Colorado Field Supervisor

Organization: USFWS

Location: Lakewood, Colorado

Telephone/Fax: 303-275-2370

Type of Contact: X Telephone

Visit

Topic (s): Section 7 Species List Consultation

Subject: NREL-NWTC Site-wide EA

Prepared By (Name): Christiana Manville

Date: 6/7/02

Distribution: Brian Kennedy SAIC project manager, file

Summary of Discussion:

Mr. Carlson concurred with the list of species developed by SAIC, listed below:

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